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REFS: (A) SAN SALVADOR 5255, (B) SAN SALVADOR 5278

1. WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14-18 HAS SEEN MASSIVE CAMPAIGN IN EL SALVADOR'S PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION CONDEMNING VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM, PARTICULARLY THE OCCUPATION OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOR AND THE ASSASSINATION OF RAUL MOLINA CANAS (SEE REFTELS. CAMPAIGN HAS TAKEN NUMBER OF DIFFERENT FORMS BUT BASIC MESSAGE IS EXHORTATION TO GOES TO STOP FEARING REPERCUSSIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS DOCTRINE AND TAKE FORCEFUL MEASURES TO RESTORE PEACE AND ORDER IN
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EL SALVADOR. CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN FINANCED BASICALLY THROUGH THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIVATE N ENTERPRISES (ANEP) AND ITS AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS. ANEP ITSELF HAS PLACED MESSAGES ON PRIME TIME TELEVISION AND FULL-PAGE AD IN EVERY MAJOR NEWSPAPER IN COUNTRY. ANEP MESSAGES, AS USUAL, ARE LESS VIOLENT AND BITTER IN TONE THAN THOSE SPONSORED BY

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AFFILIATES AND, IN MANY CASES, PURELY FICTITIOUS
ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE COME DOWN PARTICULARLY HARD
ON DOCTRINE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. HEADLINES OF JUST A
FEW OF THESE LATTER MANIFESTOS GIVE FLAVOR AND
DIRECTION OF PRESENTICAMPAIGN. WIDELY PUBLICIZED
LARGE PRINTE DOCUMENTS SIGNED BY ORGANIZATION CALLED
CENTRAL GROUP FOR THE DEFENSE OF LIBERTY BEGINS QTE MANY THANKS
PRESIDENT MR. CARTER, MANY THANKS MR. PRESIDENT ROMERO.
THE ABSURD AND MEDIOCRE POLICY OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE FIRST
(PRESIDENT CARTER) AND THE APATHY AND SILENCE OF THE SECOND
(PRESIDENT ROMERO) HASCAUSED ONE MORE VICTIM, RAUL MOLINA CANAS.
UNQTE. THE SO-CALLED EDITORIAL SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE OF SALVADORAN
PATRIOTS HEADLINES QTE COINCIDENCES REVEALED BETWEEN PRIESTS AND
TERRORISTS UNQTE. YET ANOTHER SIGNED BY SALVADORAN CATHOLIC
WOMEN CALLS UPON THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE WHATEVER STEPS ARE NEC-
ESSARY TO RESTORE PEACE AND ORDER IN THE COUNTRY.

2. MEDIA CAMPAIGN CONDEMNING INACTIVITY OF GOES
WITH NUMEROUS IMPLICATIONS AND DIRECT ACCUSATIONS
THAT THIS INACTIVITY IS CAUSED BY FEAR OF GOES
VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS DOCTRINE HAS SATURATE THE
MEDIA THROUGHOUT WEEK. CAMPAIGN IS KNOW TO BE
FINANCED BY ANEP AND ITS AFFILIATES WHO ARE
EXERTING EVERY POSSIBLE PRESSURE ON GOES TO
TAKE FIRM ACTION AT ONCE. EXTENT AND BITTERNESS
OF GOES CONDEMNATION WITH CONSIDERABLE SPILLOVER
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TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND U.S. IS BY FAR THE MOST EXTENSIVE
SEEN DURING THE ROMERO ADMINISTRATION.

3.COMMENT. PRESSURE ON ROMERO AND GOES TO
TAKE POSITIVE ACTION GROWING DAILY. INTERJECTION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE PROBABLY NO MORE THAN A CONVENIENT,
AND ALREADY UNPOPULAR ISSUE WITH WEALTHY ELITE. HOWEVER,
MANY EMBASSY CONTACTS SINCERELY BELIEVE GOES INACTIVITY IN FACE
OF RECENT INCIDENTS BASED ON FEAR OF ANTAGONIZING U.S.
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